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"SIBSEL'MASH" INCREASES EFFICIENCY -- Sovetskaya Sibir' No 85, 1 May 49

V. T. Zabaluyev, director of the "Sibsel'mash" (Siberian Agricultural Machinery) Plant, reports that the plant fulfilled the first-quarter plan 101.4 percent and expects to exceed the 4-month plan. Output of agricultural machinery in the first quarter 1949, as compared with the first quarter 1948 plan, was as follows: tractor seeders 199.3 percent; disk harrows 359.2 percent and surface plows 216 percent. In this period, the plant has adopted production of a new surface plow which has a more modern design and is produced only by "Sibsel'mash." Production costs in the first quarter decreased 19.4 percent over last year's costs. On 1 January 1949, the plant started operations without State subsidy, and has realized profits.

This year, turnover of working capital has been accelerated by 19 days and output per ruble of working capital has increased 22.6 percent as compared with the fourth quarter 1948. Labor consumption per machine has decreased from 157 hours to 106 for a tractor seeder, from 98 to 72 hours for a surface plow, and from 83 to 53 hours for a disk harrow. More than 200 brigades have entered a competition to increase production quality, with the result that production losses from defective goods in the first quarter decreased 30 percent. The plant is striving to expand capacity so that in 1950 it will have increased output of agricultural machinery 50 percent above the 1948 plan.

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